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old sea-dog a bill of adventure for 400 pounds in consideration of his services, but it was not till November, 1619, that his son and heir, John Newport asked leave to lay out some part of the same in land. On July 10, 1621, the company further ordered that Sir Francis Wyatt should be entreated to set out for Mrs. Newport 32 shares of land heretofore bestowed upon Capt. Christopher Newport, her late husband, deceased, in reward of his service, with an addition of three whole shares for the persons of six men transported at her charge in the *Jonathan* in 1619, in any place not already disposed of, and that Capt. Hamor should see it done.

But it is not believed that even these orders were consummated. We have a list, in 1626, of all the lands granted out, and there is no mention of either Mrs. Newport or her son. Their interest in Virginia was probably assigned to others. We have lists of all the persons living in Virginia in 1624 and 1625, and neither Mrs. Newport nor her son John is mentioned among them.

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FORT ON YEOCOMICO RIVER.

(*Abstract from the Records.*)

At a committee held at the house of Nich: Owen for ye association of Northumberland, West'd & Stafford county's ye 1st of 9^ber 1667.

P'sent: Col. Pett. Ashton, Col. Nich Spencer, Lt. Col. Hen: Meese, Maj. Isaac Allerton, Maj. Geo: Mason, Capt. Jno Lee.

According to act of Assembly 23rd Sept. last a fort was to be erected by the last of April next in Yeocomico River, for the defense of ships; the aforesaid chosen commissioners, after serious debate & consultation (having sounded the waters & strictly surveyed what places might best suit for a fort) find but three places convenient: Barnard(?) Point, Ferrymans Point & Levy Point; & of these Levy Point is selected.

Ordered That a house be built near the place for the fort for the workmen, 40 foot long, 9 foot pitch & 20 foot wide, a partition, an inside chimney & a chimney in the middle of the other room, & to be built by Jno Garner & other assistants whom he shall select.

Ordered that Capt. Jno Lee provide nails, that Mr Nicholas Owen, Mr Charles Ashton & Mr Jno Webber, appoint the ground for the house & view the work. Ordered to press at the two mills of Little Wicocomico & upper Matchoatock 40 bbls corn, so that it may be made into bread at the fort; that 4000 lbs pork be provided & a hhd. of salt. Ordered that the overseers, aforesaid, receive the great guns (when brought down to the place commonly called Braddock's hole) at high-water mark, there to remain untill further order. Ordered that 2500 foot of 2 inch plank be provided for which Capt John Lee has promised to provide & is to be allowed (including transportation) 2½ lbs. tob. & cask per foot. Mr Jno Webber is ordered (Ingineer) to draw the lines of the Fort & take observations of all things to be done relating to the work & as Ingineer to manage the building. Ordered that 8 pr. of wheels after the manner of field carriages for great guns be made, very strong, 4 foot diameter, which Col. Pett. Ashton & Major Allerton have promised to provide. Ordered that Col Pett Ashton & Lt. Col. John Washington, collectors for this association, collect the fort duties according to law. Ordered that warrants issued to levy 25 men out of Cople parish to be at the fort by the 9 of next month, there to continue at work untill 23d of same & the like levy of 25 men out of Fairfield psh be at the fort on 23rd & continue untill 4 of Apl. & to be succeeded in turn by like levies out of Washington parish & Lee parish. Ordered that the area of the fort be 2500 feet, unless Mr Webber should see fit to alter it. Ordered that 20 plank, 4 inches thick at least & 10 foot long & as wide as Mr Webber selects be provided by Mr Thos. —— as Mr. Chas. Ashton, one of the overseers is very weak, Mr Jollon is chosen to supply his place. Ordered that Thos. Mathew cause his smith to make 8 shovell plates, 4 mattocks, 12 grubbing hoes, 16 plates for the guns, 16 staples with bolts, 10 ax rungs, & Mr Webber give directions about the same.

May 8, 1668, constables ordered to impress men for building the fort. Mr Jno Webber made sole overseer. Money be put in

hands of Lt. Col. Henry Meese to purchase 80 demy culverin round shot, of 4 inches diameter, 20 large & 20 cross bar shot; 20 saker shot of 3 inches diameter, 5 large & 5 cross bar shot; 40 minion round shot of 2½ inches diameter; 10 large & 10 cross bar shot; 2 demy culverin ladles, 1 saker ladle, 1 minor ladle, 1 Flag, 1 drum & 20 firelock muskets. Ordered that 30 lbs of canvas be provided to make sacking for lodging the workmen & 10 yards of woolen cloth for covering.

PERSONAL NOTICES FROM THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

THE YEAR 1772.

January 2. Thomas Jefferson, Esq., married to Mrs. Martha Skelton, relict of Mr. Bathurst Skelton.

Married Mr. Hugh Innis, one of the representatives for Pittsylvania, to Miss Hannah Eggleston, of James City county.

Died, Mr. Benjamin Howard, clerk of Bedford, and one of the Burgesses for Buckingham.

January 6. Married Capt. Thomas Smith, of Gloucester, to Miss Nancy Plater.

Rev. James Stevenson, rector of Berkeley Parish, in Spotsylvania, to Miss Fanny Littlepage, of Hanover.

January 30. John Hatley Norton to Miss Sally Nicholas, eldest daughter of Robert Carter Nicholas.

Died, Mr. James Mitchell, of Yorktown, in his sixty-eighth year.

March 5. Miss Bridges and Miss Driver, of Isle of Wight, drowned in the Swash near Craney Island in a squall.

Married, Mr. William Taylor, merchant at Holt's, in New Kent, to Miss Nancy Booker, only daughter of Col. Richard Booker, of Amelia.

March 26. Mr. John Brown, of the secretary's office, to Miss Nancy Geddy, daughter of Mr. James Geddy, of this city.

Married, Mr. Edward Travis, of Jamestown, to Miss Betsy Taite.

April 16. Died, Col. John Baylor, at his home in Caroline.